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Subject: HASP for Gold King Mine Spill

Good Morning All,

I just finished speaking with Ronnie regarding the stand-up of the REOC for the Gold King Mine spill. I'm discouraged to learn that I was not notified of the stand-up on behalf of the Health & Safety Office. From my understanding, John Martin placed me as the REOC Safety Manager for incidents like these to ensure that people deploying into the field met all H&S requirements. Unfortunately, I was not notified of employee's deployment over the weekend.

I learned from Ronnie, this morning, that several OSCs and 2 water team members deployed over the weekend and several are set to deploy today. As the Regional Health & Safety Officer, I'm very concerned about whether employee records have been checked to ensure they meet all H&S requirements. In addition, I'm concerned that personnel, not on the Occupational Medical Surveillance Program (OMSP), have not received their pre-screening exams from the FOH Clinic prior to their deployment. From my conversation with Ronnie, I do not believe these areas have been addressed; therefore, opening ourselves to a massive liability.

Ronnie provided me with a short list of names who deployed in support of this response. They are:

Jhana Enders - OSC

Jon Rinehart -OSC

Mark Hayes - OSC

Bryant Smalley - OSC

Mark McCasland – Water Team

Jenna Manheimer – Water Team

After reviewing their H&S records, I have found that Jenna Manheimer is required to have a pre-screening exam prior to deployment due to her potential exposures during sampling activities. I recommend Jenna be returned to the office as she does not meet all H&S requirements. Several of the OSCs will be due for their annual exam this month, but have yet to expire.

As a reminder, please notify me of all personnel with the potential to deploy so that I may review necessary records and provide authorization from a H&S standpoint. I have my cell phone on me at all times, so please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns.

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Please see attached

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